

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 16, 2014

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Jo-Ellen Darcy
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(Civil Works)
U.S. Department of the Army
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Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Secretary Jewell, Administrator McCarthy, Assistant Secretary Darcy:


On behalf of the Everglades Caucus, we request that the Department of Interior, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency work with the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida and the relevant state and federal agencies to develop a specific process to address the water quality problems of the L-28 canal system.

Late last year, the Everglades Caucus held a briefing on water quality issues affecting the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. Based on this briefing, it is clear that greater efforts must be made to address the water quality of the L-28 canal system. Recognizing this need, Congress recently included a provision in the Explanatory Statement of the FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Act urging the Department of Interior to work with the Miccosukee Tribe to examine the water quality of the L-28 canal system. In particular, the L-28 Interceptor canal ends on the Miccosukee Federal Reservation as a free flowing discharge carrying waters with high levels of phosphorous. The high levels of phosphorous have a devastating impact on the land and waters of the Miccosukee Federal Reservation, the Miccosukee people's way of life and culture, and ultimately the water quality of the entire Everglades ecosystem downstream.

In moving forward to address this issue, we believe it is important the full range of options for improving the water quality of the L-28 canal system be considered as part of this process. The L-28 canal system affects many different entities, and as such, any solution to water quality and distribution challenges facing the system requires a coordinated response from the tribal, state, and federal governments. In addition, because the L-28 canal system directly impacts the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, we believe it's important that the Tribe's policies and culture should be respected in any effective plan to solve these water quality issues.

As you move forward with Everglades restoration efforts, we encourage you to make addressing the L-28 canal system issues an important priority.

Sincerely,




Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress




Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress



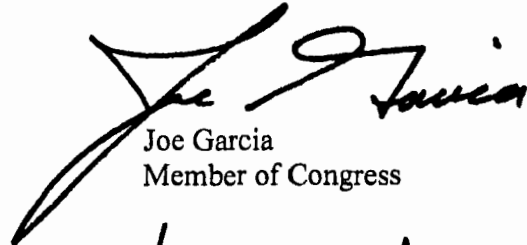
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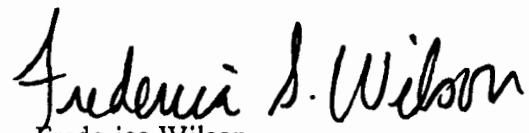
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FRED UPTON
6TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

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Congress of the United States
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January 21, 2014

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

Administrator McCarthy:

I write today to bring your attention to the Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grant application submitted by the City of Douglas, Michigan. It is without reservation that I ask for full consideration of their grant application.

If received, the grant would bolster the redevelopment efforts of a 7 acre site along the primary commercial corridor in the City of Douglas. This location is integral to the future success of the city's revitalization plan. In addition to the public health concerns from the contamination of this site, the contamination has greatly minimized the interest of outside development and investment. The creation of a market based and community supported development plan for this property will strengthen the economic and environmental health of the region.

The community support for this project is evident through the adoption of a resolution by the City Council of Douglas for this grant application. The funds will allow the City of Douglas to further explore the full scope of contamination on this site, identify the source of that contamination, and ready options for site remediation.

I thank you in advance for ensuring this grant application receives full consideration. Please keep me advised on the progress of this application. Should you have any questions or desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. In addition, Mr. Clay McCausland in my St. Joseph District Office, (269) 982-1986, can serve as a resource for additional information regarding this grant application and project.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton

cc: Ms. Susan Hedman, Region 5 Administrator

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February 7, 2014

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
C/O Ms. Laura E. Vaught
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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

By this letter I am concurring in Ranking Member Waxman's request for the detail of Mr. Ryan Schmit to the Minority staff of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Mr. Schmit is an Environmental Protection Specialist for the Environmental Protection Agency. We ask that the detail assignment be from February 24, 2014, through December 31, 2014. His work will be beneficial to the Committee, the Agency, and his professional development. We ask that the detail arrangement be on a non-reimbursable basis for the detail's salary.

Your prompt consideration of this request for a detail assignment would be appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Theresa Gambo on my staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Ranking Member

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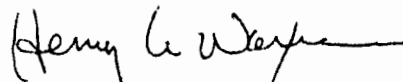
The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I hereby request your assistance in securing the detail of Mr. Ryan Schmit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce Minority staff, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy. Mr. Schmit is an Environmental Protection Specialist for the Environmental Protection Agency. This work should be beneficial to the Committee, the Agency, and Mr. Schmit's professional development.

We ask that the detail arrangement, not to exceed one year, will be on a non-reimbursable basis for the detailee's salary beginning on February 24, 2014, and ending on December 31, 2014. Your prompt consideration of this request would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Ertel of the Committee staff at 202-226-3406.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Ranking Member

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VICKY HARTZLER
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David McIntosh
Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460-0003

Dear David,

My constituent, *exempt 6* has contacted my office regarding the spraying and venting of toxicity at her home. I am enclosing a copy of the correspondence I received for your consideration.

I request that you review this matter and provide me with information to assist my constituent. If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact Angela Kreps in my Harrisonville District office at 816-884-3411 / Angela.Kreps@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Vicky Hartzler
Member of Congress

Enclosure

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**U.S. Representative Vicky Hartzler:
Privacy Authorization Form**

Name: Last example First example Middle example

Permanent Address: _____
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Social Security Number: EXEMPT Date of Birth: EXEMPT

Case/File Number: N/A

Agency: EPA - Quimby Organs Bus. 50 WSBG

Problem: Spreading, venting, toxicity over
normal. Blown over fence. Corey Whitker
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record. Jan 10 + WSB6 Police following
EPA Dumping (City WSB6 + Police letters)
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threat

As mandated by the 1974 Privacy Act, I authorize U.S. Representative Vicky Hartzler and her staff to make inquiries on my behalf and to obtain information on my personal records or files.

Signature: [Signature] Exempt Date: 3/4/14 up

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grandson science project at Crestridge
Volcano project. A-OK upon return.
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Memo from:



Angela Kreps



Zack Brown

To:

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HAROLD ROGERS
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January 31, 2014

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Mr. Don West
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Dear Mr. Meiburg and Mr. West:

I am writing in support of an application for the US EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant submitted by my constituents affiliated with Discover Downtown Middlesboro. This grant will be used to aid in the cleanup of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Home in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

The restoration of the environmental and historical heritage of the Cumberland Gap area has been a high priority throughout my tenure in Congress. A project to restore the Elks Home in downtown Middlesboro is a natural complement to these efforts. Responsible stewardship of this uniquely Appalachian asset will provide economic development for Southeastern Kentucky communities and will provide cultural opportunities for the nearly 1 million travelers who visit our region each year. The project outlined in this application supports these goals as well as the EPA's mission to ensure environmental policies are protective of human health and the environment.

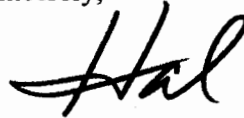
This proposal is all the more timely given the recent designation of Southeast Kentucky as one of the Administration's four pilot Promise Zones. Further, the Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) initiative which I have championed holds great potential to respond to the staggering job losses of this region. The recent announcement of the USDA StrikeForce program gives further evidence to the great need, as well as the unprecedented partnership between government agencies and local organizations in response to the serious challenges facing this important region.

This grant would help Discover Downtown Middlesboro remove the asbestos, lead, and mold that pose a significant threat to public health and safety, and bring this building one step closer to being fully restored. This project will include the development of a workforce training program, which will engage displaced coal workers and others who are struggling to find employment in environmental cleanup. Finally, this grant will further the economic development and downtown

revitalization goals set by the Downtown Middlesboro Strategic Plan, as funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission. For these reasons, I urge you to support this proposal.

With these benefits in mind, I respectfully request that the Environmental Protection Agency and the Brownfield Cleanup program give careful consideration to this application. Please contact Megan O'Donnell in my personal office at (202) 225-4601 with any questions or concerns about this request.

Sincerely,

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HAROLD ROGERS
Member of Congress

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BILL HUIZENGA
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January 21, 2014

Mr. David Lloyd
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Dear Mr. Lloyd:

It is my understanding that the city of Grand Haven, Michigan, has submitted a request to your office in hopes of securing \$1,000,000 in grant funding through the EPA Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Funding. I am writing to let you know of my strong support for this program.

As the U.S. Congressman for the 2nd District, I am well aware of the benefits this program would bring to this community. Grand Haven has worked closely with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for years on successful brownfields projects, but has never sought or received U.S. EPA Brownfields funding. This is an opportunity for Grand Haven to spur the cleanup and revitalization of brownfield sites across the community. The "Grand Haven Brownfields Fund" would be used to give grants to public and non-profit entities, as well as low-cost loans to entities including private sector parties, for use in cleanup and revitalization of brownfield sites.

I am confident that this proposal will be carefully reviewed and that its merit will be readily apparent. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on my support for Grand Haven's application.

Sincerely,


Bill Huizenga
Member of Congress

Thank you again for writing me. You can also find the latest news from the 2nd District and Congress, follow my votes, and sign up for my eNewsletter at www.huizenga.house.gov. Follow me on Facebook and Twitter too, at www.Facebook.com/rephuizenga or www.twitter.com/rephuizenga. I look forward to staying in touch online!

BH/zs

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3308

February 10, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
Assistant Administrator
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Dear Assistant Administrator Stanislaus:

I write regarding the City of High Point, North Carolina's application for EPA Brownfields Assessment grant funding.

The City of High Point is committed to revitalizing its Core City area, which was once the community's industrial base. Since the final adoption of a Core City Plan in 2007, I understand that the City has dedicated resources and personnel to encourage economic development and community revitalization in this area. However, these efforts have been hindered by the large number of brownfield properties throughout the area. By enabling the City to inventory, characterize, and plan the reuse of these sites, the EPA Brownfield Assessment funding could serve as a catalyst to revitalize the Core City and bring jobs and private investment into High Point.

I hope you will give all due consideration to High Point's application. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Burr
United States Senator

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MAR 14 2014

The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

Thank you for your letter of February 14, 2014 supporting the Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant Proposal from the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC). I appreciate your interest in the Brownfields Program and your support of LVEDC's proposal.

As you know, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act assists states and communities throughout the country in their efforts to revitalize and reclaim brownfields sites. This program is an excellent example of the success that is possible when people of all points of view work together to improve the environment and their communities.

Last year's application process was highly competitive, with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) evaluating more than 600 grant proposals. From these proposals, the EPA announced the selection of approximately 200 grants.

EPA's selection criteria for grant proposals are available in the *Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants (November 2013)* posted on our Brownfields program website (www.epa.gov/brownfields). Each proposal will be carefully reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel that applies these objective criteria in this highly competitive program. Be assured that the grant proposal submitted by LVEDC will be given every consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mrs. Kinshasa Brown-Perry, EPA's Pennsylvania Liaison, at 215-814-5404.

Sincerely,

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Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator



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MAR 14 2014

The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

Thank you for your letter of February 14, 2014 supporting the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Proposal from Lehigh County. I appreciate your interest in the Brownfields Program and your support of the County's proposal.

As you know, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act assist states and communities throughout the country in their efforts to revitalize and reclaim brownfields sites. This program is an excellent example of the success that is possible when people of all points of view work together to improve the environment and their communities.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mrs. Kinshasa Brown-Perry, EPA's Pennsylvania Liaison, at 215-814-5404.

Sincerely,

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Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator



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MAR 14 2014

The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

Thank you for your letter of February 14, 2014 supporting the Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal from the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority (JRA). I appreciate your interest in the Brownfields Program and your support of the JRA's proposal.

As you know, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act assist states and communities throughout the country in their efforts to revitalize and reclaim brownfields sites. This program is an excellent example of the success that is possible when people of all points of view work together to improve the environment and their communities.

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Shawn M. Garvin
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